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Santa to visit Vancouver children

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VANCOUVER, Wash. – Santa's train will make a stop at the Bonneville Power Administration's Ross Complex to celebrate Christmas with 70 children. BPA employees are hosting children from the East Vancouver Child Care Center on **Tuesday, Dec. 9, noon to 1:30 p.m.**

"These are kids who really appreciate what we're doing for them," said BPA warehouse distribution services manager Mike Conner. "We think they'll be ecstatic about Santa arriving on the train." BPA has been giving the children this annual visit with Santa since 1992. Employees donate money, gifts and refreshments for the celebration.

The event is, in part, a community effort. The 40 ET 8 Club of the American Legion is offering their "loci" – locomotive on wheels. C-Tran is transporting children to the Ross Complex. Safeway has donated funds for refreshments.

Ross Complex is 20 minutes from downtown Portland, 5 minutes from downtown Vancouver. Take I-5 or I-205 to exit 3 (Hazel Dell, Highway 99). Head north. Take a right at the first light and follow the signs (see attached map). If you would like to attend, call Sharon Blair at (360) 418-2939 or Crystal Ball (503) 230-5133.

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